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REMARKS

The Examiner's Final Action of October 19, 2005 has been received and its contents carefully considered. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the Amendment and the following comments.

Claims 18-21 are currently pending. Claims 10-15 have been cancelled.

I. Interview with Examiner

Applicant's representative, Laleh Jalali, would like to thank the Examiner for the face to face interview of August 16, 2005, during which the merits of claims 10-15 (now cancelled) submitted in the Amendment of August 8, 2005 were discussed. During the interview, Applicant's representative proposed possibly submitting a CIP including details of the structural particulars of the space transformer. However, upon further consideration, Applicant has decided to shift the focus of the claims from a space transformer to a test card assembly including the space transformer, as set forth in pending claims 18-21. Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the helpful comments made during the Interview which facilitated the presentation of the instant claims.

II. Amendments to the Claims

Claims 10-15 have been cancelled. New claims 20 and 21 depend from independent claim 18, withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner in the Final Office

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Action of October 19, 2005. Claim 18 has been amended to include a test card assembly where the land grid array side contacts and the semiconductor side contacts of the space transformer are not necessarily connected to the contacts of the test card or of the probe head.

III. Rejection under 35 USC 102(e) and 103(a)

Claims 10-15 have been rejected under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Yoda et al. Claims 10-12 and 14 have been rejected under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Pham et al. in view of Eldridge et al. Claims 13 and 15 have been rejected under Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Van Pham in view of Eldridge et al. further in view of Petrarca et al. and Matsuo et al.

The rejections of claims 10-15 have been mooted by virtue of the cancellation of those claims. In addition, it is noted that none of the applied references mentioned above disclose or suggest, either alone or in combination, a test card assembly.

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CONCLUSION

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all currently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Response is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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